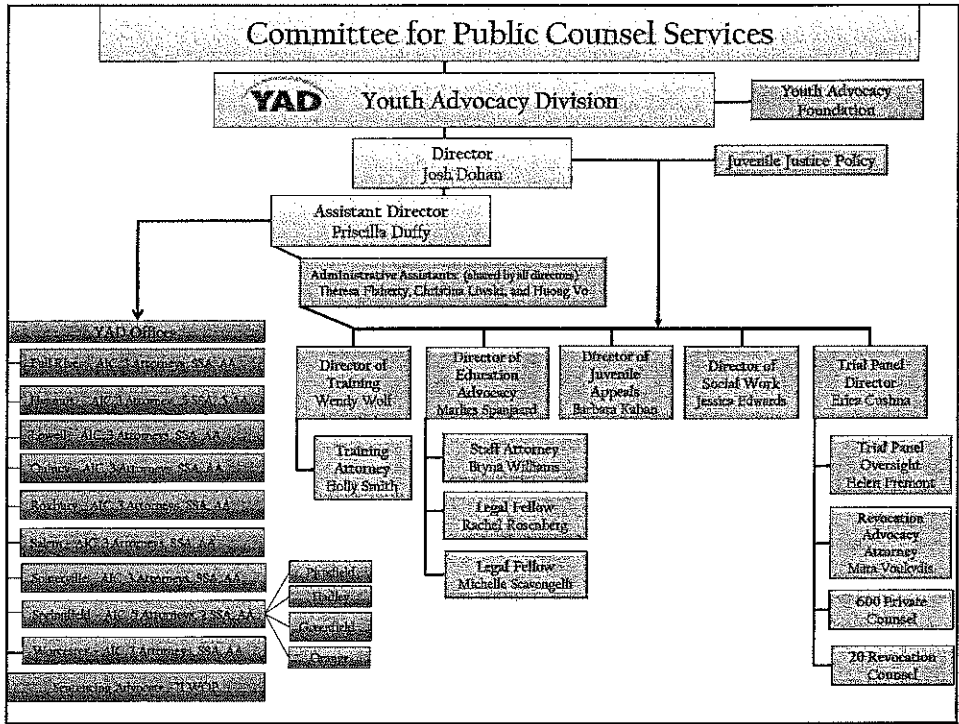


## The Youth Advocacy Division

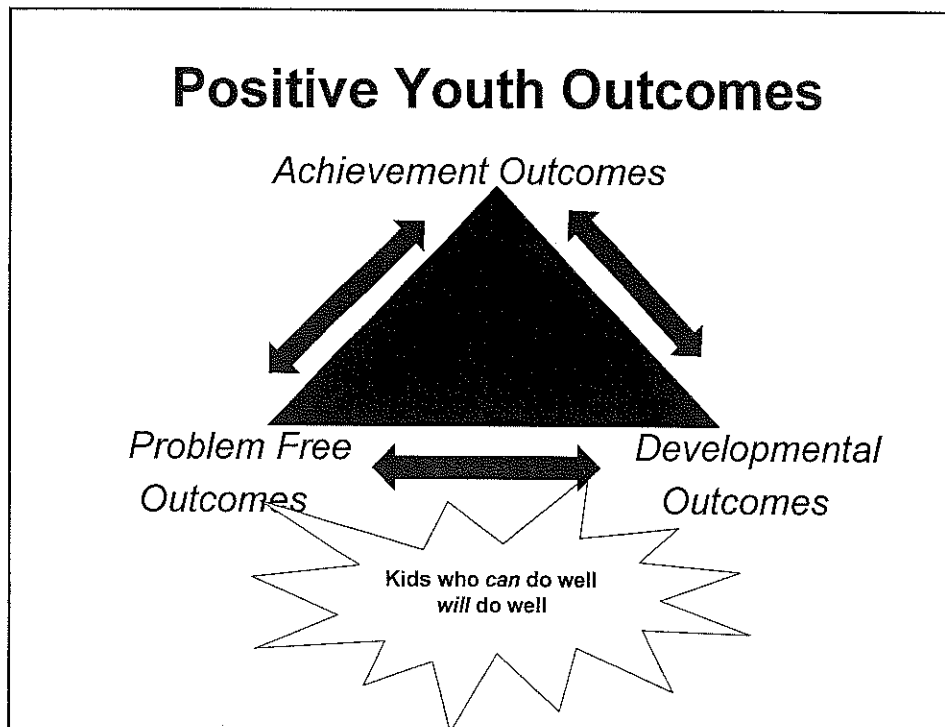
- The Challenge
  - High Stakes
  - Complicated Practice (law and social work)
  - Years of Neglect
  - Lack of prestige
- The Payoff
  - The Kids
  - The Community

## The Youth Advocacy Division

- Pilot to Division
  - Leadership
  - Training
  - Support
  - Oversight



# The Youth Development Approach to Zealous Advocacy



## Fairness

- [R]ecent studies... suggest that the appearance as well as the actuality of fairness, impartiality and orderliness -- in short, the essentials of due process -- may be a more impressive and more therapeutic attitude so far as the juvenile is concerned. For example, in a recent study, the sociologists Wheeler and Cottrell observe that, when the procedural laxness of the "*parens patriae*" attitude is followed by stern disciplining, the contrast may have an adverse effect upon the child, who feels that he has been deceived or enticed.
- In re Gault, 387 U.S. 1 (1967)

## Role of Defense Counsel

- Zealous Legal Advocacy
- Nurturing Adult
  - High Clear and Fair Expectations
  - Maximum Participation
  - Caring and supportive
  - Transitional and transformative
- Five Domains

